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For: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. 1.56, Applicants are enclosing an Information Disclosure Citation Form (PTO-1449) which lists the documents cited in an Office Action (Decision of Refusal) issued on July 13, 2004 for counterpart Appln. No. JP 2001-54400.

A Notice of Allowance on the merits has issued for this application. However, the Applicants do not consider the cited documents to be material to the allowed claims. As such, Applicants do not object to action with respect to this Statement in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(i). At minimum, it is respectfully requested that the Office Action and the cited documents be placed in the official file.

Respectfully submitted,  
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